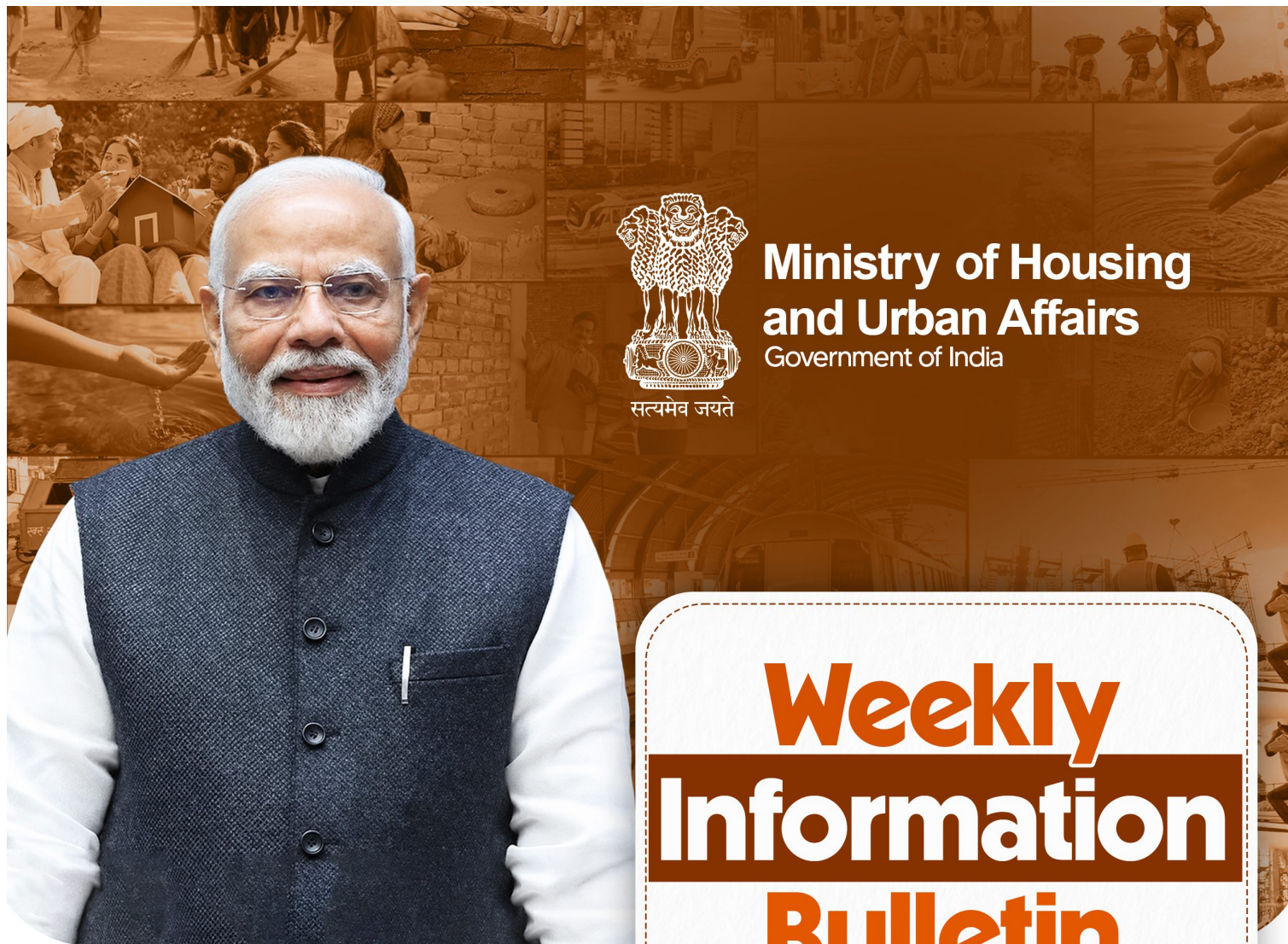




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Delhi Metro Participates in InnoTrans 2026

Delhi Metro International Limited (DMIL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Delhi Metro, is participating in InnoTrans 2026, one of the world's leading international events in the transportation sector. The event provides a global platform to showcase innovations and exchange knowledge on the future of sustainable urban mobility.



Smt. D. Thara, Secretary, Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated the DMIL exhibition pavilion at InnoTrans 2026 in the presence of senior officials from Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and Delhi Metro International Limited (DMIL). The participation of DMIL at the prestigious international transportation event underscores Delhi Metro's continued commitment to promoting sustainable and innovative urban mobility solutions, while strengthening its engagement and collaboration with the global transportation community.

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: The Nation Unites for a Cleaner Tomorrow

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 campaign, a month-long nationwide initiative being observed from 17 September to 17 October 2026 under the theme 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat'. Observed annually since 2017, the campaign brings together citizens, political leadership, Urban and Rural Local Bodies, SafaiMitras, private organisations, NGOs and spiritual institutions to strengthen voluntarism and collective action for Swachhata. . The SHS 2026 theme, 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat', underlines that Swachhata is a shared responsibility and that the vision of a Swachh and Viksit Bharat can be realized only through the active participation of all citizens.



24th
September,
2026

Overall Snapshot

Overall Citizens Participation: 3,33,69,047
National Campaign Roll-out
Households Participated: 96,43,230

Transformation of Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) and Clean Public Places	Swachh Panchshala -Yuva for Swachhata	SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivers	Advocacy Total Participants 18,98,943	
13,04,368 Total CTUs	1,64,300 Awareness Activities Conducted	11,684 Shivers Conducted	6,92,250 4-Way Waste Segregation	5,84,793 Swachh Bazaar
6,45,147 CTUs Transformed	61,553 RRR Drives Conducted	34,870 Sanitation Workers Participated	23,243 Neki Ki Deewar/ RRR Centers	88,033 Swachh Mohalla (Events)
2,30,96,209 Total Participants	20,08,296 School Children Participated	8,494 Preventive Health Checkup Camps Organised	1,57,534 Clean Green Festivities	52,229 Swachh Offices (Events)
1,06,461 Public Places Cleaned	33,875 Swachhata Gyan Yatra organised	35,289 PPE Kits Distributed	2,20,907 Sports for Swachhata	2,43,459 Clean Water Bodies
54,70,455 People Engaged	6,26,705 Swachhata Gyan YatraParticipation	86,468 Scheme Beneficiaries	92,778 Home, Community and RWA Composting	

*As on 24th September, 2026, 11:33 AM



India is celebrating the grand festival of Swachhata with unmatched fervour. From political leadership to citizens, from urban and rural local bodies to SafaiMitras, private organizations, NGOs and spiritual institutions have come together, echoing the spirit of Whole of Government and Whole of Society action for swachhata.

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CITIIS 2.0: 37 Participants from 11 Cities Join E&S Orientation

CITIIS is a joint programme of MoHUA, AFD, KfW, the European Union and NIUA. Under its second phase, CITIIS 2.0 is facilitating 18 sustainable infrastructure projects focused on the circular economy and integrated solid waste management, while supporting climate action at the State level.



On 23 September 2026, the CITIIS 2.0 PMU conducted an online technical orientation for cities on preparing Environmental and Social (E&S) Screening Reports. The session covered risk identification, land and livelihood issues, vulnerable groups and waste pickers, gender and inclusion, SEA/SH, project eligibility and risk categorisation, statutory compliance, and safeguard instruments.

A total of 37 participants from 11 cities attended, including Project Coordinators, E&S Nodal Officers, Public Engagement Officers, Domestic Experts, NABET consultants and an AFD representative. The orientation helped clarify requirements, improve submission quality and align screening with CITIIS 2.0 safeguard requirements.

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'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan': Special Delhi Metro Train Flagged Off from ITO



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Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited



Under the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan', Hon'ble Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi Smt. Rekha Gupta flagged off a specially wrapped Delhi Metro train from ITO Metro Station, showcasing information on various Delhi Government welfare schemes and citizen services.

The initiative aims to disseminate information about government services and welfare schemes in a simple and accessible manner. Leveraging Delhi Metro's extensive network and daily ridership of millions of commuters, it seeks to enhance public awareness and enable eligible citizens to effectively avail themselves of available schemes and facilities.

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PM-eBus Sewa: Rajasthan Reviews Bus Deployment, Infrastructure and Operations

A review meeting was held in Jaipur under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Government of Rajasthan (LSG) to review the implementation of the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme in participating cities. The meeting was attended by Director (UT), PMU team and representatives of RUDSICO, DISCOM, CESL, EKA Mobility (OEM) and Chartered Speed Limited (Operator), while Municipal Commissioners joined virtually.



Key issues related to bus deployment, depot and charging infrastructure, power supply, procurement and operations were discussed with the concerned stakeholders. Subsequently, Director (UT) Sh. Bhanu Pratap Singh Bhadoria conducted a field visit to the electric bus depot in Jaipur and reviewed the progress of associated BTM and Civil infrastructure works.

He directed that the works be expedited and completed, with deployment of all buses by 31 March 2027 to avail maximum operation subsidy for 10 years.



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'Adequate Housing for All': HUDCO Hosts Painting Competition for 260 Children

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a Navratna NBFC-IFC under MoHUA, organised its annual Painting Competition for children from underprivileged and vulnerable communities at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, as a run-up to World Habitat Day celebrations.

Continuing a tradition of over three decades, the competition provided children from underserved communities a creative platform to express their aspirations around safe, inclusive and sustainable habitats. Around 260 children from NGOs and orphanages participated in two categories—Junior Group (8-11 years) and Senior Group (12-14 years)—on the theme “Adequate Housing for All”.



Shri Sanjay Kulshrestha, CMD, HUDCO, along with Directors and senior officials, interacted with the participants and appreciated their creativity. He encouraged the children to become torchbearers of an inclusive and sustainable future, noting that their paintings reflected their vision of safe, resilient and inclusive cities.

A Live Talent Show featuring singing, drama, poetry and dance was also organised. In a new initiative promoting social inclusion, children of HUDCO employees participated alongside children from NGOs and orphanages, encouraging interaction, friendship and a sense of belonging. The award-winning paintings will be exhibited at Vigyan Bhawan during the World Habitat Day celebrations in October, where the winners will also be felicitated.

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Key News of the Week

The Hindu (18 Sept, 2026)

Namma Metro inducts first six-coach Titagarh-CRRC train on Green Line

Darshan Devaliah B.P.
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRC) has inducted the first six-coach train manufactured under its Titagarh-China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) rolling stock contract on the 10-km Green Line between Madavara and Silk Institute, marking another step towards clearing the backlog in the maintenance of its existing fleet.

The first train, TS6, was inducted into service on Monday. Two more trains are expected to be inducted shortly. However, the addition of the new train sets will not immediately translate into more services or shorter waiting times for passengers.

Maintenance
According to BMRC officials, the incoming trains are being used to facilitate the withdrawal of older trains for scheduled maintenance. The corporation is currently prioritising the overhaul of trains that have completed the required service period, with each train set expected to remain under maintenance for about 15 days.

"The maintenance of metro trains is essential to ensure the safety, reliability, and availability of the fleet. While the trains are designed for a long service life, comprehensive mid-life maintenance is required to inspect, overhaul and replace components that undergo wear over years of operation," a



More trains are expected to be inducted shortly. JLL METRO

BMRC official said.

Metro rolling stock typically has a service life of around 30 years, but major mid-life maintenance is carried out during the operating period to ensure that critical systems continue to function reliably.

The exercise involves taking trains out of regular service for detailed inspection and scheduled overhaul, according to officials. BMRC had planned to use the arrival of the new trains to address the accumulated maintenance backlog. However, officials are examining the timing and pace of the programme in view of the pressure on train availability across the network.

21 trainsets

The Green Line is eventually expected to receive the complete fleet of 21 six-coach Titagarh-CRRC trainsets by the second quarter of 2027. The new trainsets

The addition of new trainsets will not immediately translate into more services or shorter waiting times

are likely to be deployed exclusively on the corridor, with their maintenance to be handled at the Peenya depot. Of the 21 trainsets, the first has now been inducted, while the remaining 20 are being manufactured at Titagarh Rail Systems' facility in Uttarpara, West Bengal. The deployment plan is intended to simplify operations and maintenance by keeping the new fleet concentrated on a single corridor.

The arrival of the new trainsets will also result in a redistribution of Bangalore Metro's existing rolling stock. The 17 BMRC trainsets currently operating on the Green Line are expected to be shifted gradually

to the Purple Line, which runs between Challahatta and Whitefield and has the highest passenger demand among the Metro corridors.

The redeployment is expected to provide additional rolling stock on the Purple Line while allowing BMRC to maintain the Green Line with a dedicated fleet of newer trains, according to officials. The arrangement to improve fleet availability and support capacity management on both corridors.

The new trains use Distance-To-Go (DTG) technology and have a design broadly similar to the rolling stock deployed on the Yellow Line between E.V. Road and Electronics City, which is compatible with the signalling requirements of the corridor.

The induction also marks progress in a procurement project that has faced prolonged delays. In 2019, BMRC awarded a US\$576-million contract to CRRC for the supply of 26 metro coaches. The project subsequently ran into difficulties after CRRC did not establish the manufacturing facility in India that was required under the contract.

The delays led BMRC to issue multiple notices to the company and consider invoking a bank guarantee of US\$2 crore. The impasse was eventually addressed after CRRC partnered with Kolkata-based Titagarh Rail Systems, enabling the remaining coaches to be manufactured in India.

The Economic Times (19 Sept, 2026)

India Among Top 30 Markets for Real Estate Transparency

Kailash Babar

Mumbai: India has broken into the top 30 markets globally in real estate transparency for the first time and emerged as the most improved in Asia Pacific, reflecting growing institutionalisation of the sector through stronger regulatory frameworks, improving disclosure standards, and rising participation from global capital.

India climbed five positions to rank 26th globally in the 2026 JLL Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI), placing it in the middle of the transparent tier. It was also among the top five most-improved markets globally.

"India did not just improve this year; it set the pace for Asia Pacific. The improvement reflects a market that is compounding gains, not chasing a single good year," said Radha Dhir, CEO, India, JLL.

According to her, the next chapter is about scaling what is working in gateway markets to every region where global capital wants to invest.

The improvement in transparency has coincided with a rise in institutional investment. Private equity funding for Indian real estate reached \$30.5 billion in 2025, up 17% year-on-year, and stood at \$4.3 billion in the first half of 2026, up 25% on year.

"Transparency ultimately strengthens confidence in the market and encourages industry players to take a longer-term view. It is a positive sign of the institutionalisation and maturation of India's real estate sector," said Niranjan Hiranandani, chairman, NAREDCO India.

According to him, the next phase should focus on greater comparability across assets and markets, enabling capital to make more informed and sustainable decisions.

The listed real estate market saw incremental improvement, with India's global ranking moving to 35th from 36th. Office REIT stock increased 58% from 2024 to 164 million sq. ft by 2026, representing 18% of Grade A stock, while REIT-worthy assets reached 46% of current inventory.

The Hindu (18 Sept, 2026)

'Swachhata Hi Seva' drive kicks off with focus on cleanliness

The Hindu Bureau
+ VISAKHAPATNAM

Visakhapatnam East MLA Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu on Thursday launched the Swachhata Hi Seva-2026 campaign at Jagannadharaju Nagar (J.R. Nagar), calling upon residents to treat cleanliness as a social responsibility and participate actively in the campaign.

The month-long campaign will be conducted across the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) limits from September 17 to October 17. GVMC Additional Commissioner Pali Nallanayya said the campaign would focus on five areas - identifying and transforming cleanliness target units into clean public spaces; creating awareness among students and youth; ensur-

ing the health, safety and dignity of sanitation workers; enhancing public participation; and promoting Reduce-Reuse-Recycle practices, including reduction of single-use plastic and reuse of waste.

SCoR launches campaign

The South Coast Railway on Thursday launched a series of intensive cleanliness drives across its network, joining the nationwide push for environmental sanitation.

General Manager Sandeep Mathur administered the Swachhata pledge to a large gathering of officers and staff at the zonal headquarters in the city, marking the simultaneous roll-out of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, Swachhata Pakhwada 2026, and Special Campaign 6.0. The initiatives will go on till October 31.



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Key News of the Week

The Statesman (22 Sept, 2026)

Delhi to rollout 150 e-buses next month as city expands depot, charging infra

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 21 September

Delhi will add 150 new electric buses (e-bus) to its public transport fleet next month, Transport Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh said on Monday after reviewing preparations with officials of the Transport Department.

These buses will be deployed as the government works on expanding depot and charging infrastructure to support the growing electric bus fleet in the city.

"The Delhi government is developing bus depots and charging infrastructure in a coordinated manner, with every site closely monitored so that new electric buses could be deployed without delay," Singh said.

Delhi currently has 5,088 electric buses operating from

40 depots. Officials said charger installation is under way at three additional depots, while five depots with a combined capacity of 768 buses are being developed under the National Electric Bus Programme (NEBP).

The expansion is also being planned under the PM E-Drive scheme. Sixteen depots with a capacity to accommodate 2,800 electric buses are planned under PM E-Drive-1, while another 16 depots, with capacity for 2,710 buses, are covered under PM E-Drive-2. The buses under these programmes are expected to be delivered in phases over the next two years, the department said in a statement.

The Transport Department is also developing two depots at Daurala and Jhuljhuli, with capacities of 250 and 500 buses, respectively. The

facilities are expected to cater to passengers from rural areas.

To meet the additional requirement for depots and charging stations, the department has sought land from the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) at five locations — Tikri Kalan Village (PVC Market), Jauntli Village, Mungeshpur Village, Bakkarwala and Gazipur Mandi, officials said.

They added that space for charging stations has also been sought from the DDA, MCD and DMRC, while land has been requested from the DMRC to expand the capacity of the Rithala depot. The Directorate of Panchayat has allocated land to the DTC and Transport Department for developing additional depots and charging infrastructure.

The Millennium Post (24 Sept, 2026)



NDMC turns waste into compost and... walls into public art

ANAMTA FATIMA

New Delhi, September 23

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Wednesday felicitated seven sanitation workers for producing 13,000 kg of organic compost from wet and horticultural waste over the past year and honoured 15 artists for creating traditional and contemporary Indian murals across the city.

NDMC Chairman Manoj Kumar Dwivedi felicitated the sanitation staff at Palika Kendra and lauded their contribution to decentralised waste processing. The compost was produced at the facility on Madhu Limaye Marg, Chanakya-puri, using biodegradable waste generated within the NDMC area.

Dwivedi said the initiative demonstrated the potential of converting waste into a resource and called for the model at Anupam Colony to be replicated at other locations. The council said decentralised processing could reduce the transpor-

tation of green waste and facilitate its use as organic manure for landscaping and greenery. The initiative is part of NDMC's "Waste to Wealth" and "Waste to Greenery" approach and its stated goal of achieving zero waste to landfill through source segregation and resource recovery.

Separately, the Chairman felicitated 15 artists who participated in a seven-day workshop held from September 17 to 23 under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan. Artists from Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana created murals at five locations around Connaught Place and Panchsheel Road.

The murals, covering around 4,200 sq ft, combine traditional Indian artistic forms with contemporary approaches. The project, themed around art, heritage, culture and the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, aims to beautify public spaces while showcasing India's cultural heritage and contemporary aspirations.

The Morning Standard (24 Sept, 2026)

Namo Bharat crosses 4.5 crore passenger journeys, showcased at Berlin transport tech expo

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THE 82-km Namoo Bharat corridor connecting Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut has seen more than 4.5 crore passenger journeys since operations began, with daily ridership recently crossing 1.68 lakh, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) said.

The NCRTC is showcasing India's first Regional Rapid Transit System at InnoTrans 2026, a global transport technology exhibition being held in Berlin from Tuesday to Friday, the corporation said in a statement.

The Namoo Bharat corridor connects Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi with Modipuram in Meerut, the NCRTC said, adding that the system had crossed 45 crore passenger journeys and recently recorded its highest-ever daily ridership of more than 1.68 lakh commuters.

The entire corridor became operational in February this year and integrates the Meerut Metro, which operates on the same infrastructure, it said.

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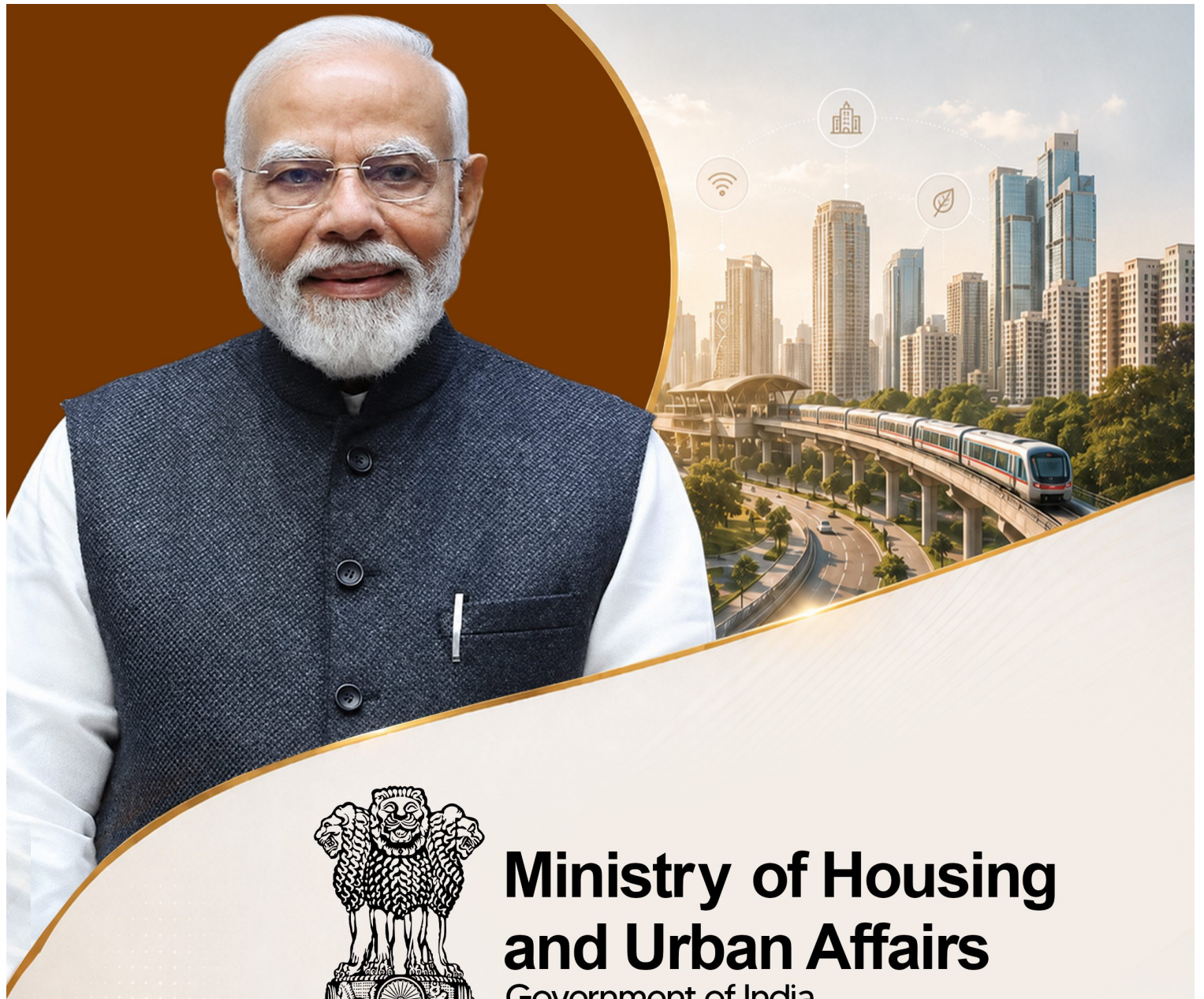


Extra metro rides

ment of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Chairperson, NCRTC, inaugurated the corporation's exhibition stand in the presence of NCRTC Managing Director Shalabh Goel, it mentioned. Thara also participated in the Rail Leaders' Summit 2026, where she said regional rail systems could help distribute population and employment beyond major cities by providing affordable connectivity between urban centres and surrounding areas.

She said Namoo Bharat was transporting between one and two lakh passengers daily on the 82-km corridor and could help decongest Delhi by connecting key cities in the NCR.





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